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7 **BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**  
8 **OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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10 In the Matter of the Application  
11 regarding the Conversion and  
Acquisition of Control of Premera Blue  
Cross and its Affiliates.

NO. Docket No. G02-45

NINTH ORDER: EXTENDING TIME  
FOR PREMERA TO REQUEST  
REVIEW

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14 On July 7, 2003, Judge George Finkle, appointed Special Master in this case, issued a  
15 Scheduling Recommendation, which, among other things, directed Premera to produce certain  
16 documents to him for *in camera* inspection. By way of letter, dated July 11, 2003, Premera  
17 requested that I consider a different approach to resolving the issue of the disputed documents.  
18 Without prejudice to Premera's right to seek formal review by me, as allowed in the *Seventh*  
19 *Order: Appointment of Special Master*, I informed Premera by letter, dated July 16, 2003, that  
20 I believe the Special Master's recommendation is the proper course of action.

21 In accordance with the *Seventh Order*, Premera has until close of business today, July  
22 16, 2003, to request a formal review by me. Premera has requested that the time for review be  
23 extended to July 23, 2003, so that it can "consider the points made by the Commissioner  
24 without waiving its right to seek formal review."

25 Finding the Premera's request is reasonable and will not prejudice another party, **IT IS**  
26 **ORDERED**, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003, that the time for Premera to request review by me of

1 the Special Master's Scheduling Recommendation is extended to the close of business July  
2 23, 2003.

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6 MIKE KREIDLER, Insurance Commissioner  
7 for the State of Washington  
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